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SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

SPS-EH-2012-011

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1. SPS Subject:

The purpose of this SPS is to clarify the expedited plan review fees for Environmental Health Food Service, Residence Accommodation, School Grounds, Pet Shop/Groomer, and Remodel permits.

2. Statutory Overview:

Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)

3. SPS:

Chapter 1, Regulation 4e. of the MCEHC code states: In cases where the Department requires the submission of plans and specifications, no person shall commence construction unless the required plans have been approved.

Chapter 1, Regulation 5c.(3) of the MCEHC states: Expedited, design/build and phased plan reviews shall be assessed at two times the flat fee or hourly rate.

When applicants submit plans for construction work that has already commenced, they are in violation of Chapter 1, Regulation 4e. Enforcement action will be initiated by the Department when operators are found in violation. Applicants may pay expedited fees, as defined in Chapter 1, Regulation 5c.(3), which will shorten the review time of the application. Expedited fees do not negate nor suspend any enforcement actions filed against the applicant unless specified in writing by the Department.

4. SPS Effective Date:

July 1, 2012

5. SPS New Document/Revision Statement:

SPS-EH-2012-011 is a new SPS.

6. Contact Us:

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